

Senior Capstone Final Presentation

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Guiding Question

My guiding question for this capstone project is “How can I create a project that represents what I want to do in the future?”



Why It Matters

I think this capstone matters to the community because it proves to people that you can accomplish anything no matter where you start.

The Idea (Process)

When I first started this capstone, I immediately knew that I was going to make this project about music. I thought about doing the capstone over the pandemic as I saw seniors doing it before we went on lockdown. I continued to work on music throughout the pandemic in order to build up the knowledge and experience needed for this project. When we finally were introduced to the capstone project, I wanted to create a concert for people to come to and experience music from people they aren't familiar with.

The Changes (Process)

Over the course of the school year, we had to do research on how we were going to execute our project. This made it apparent that my original idea costed way too much for a high school student and made me rethink what I was going to do. I decided to instead change the project into an album that could be listened to by people. This album would give an insight to my life as a senior in high school while also showing off the skills I've gained over the course of the pandemic

The Outcome (Process)

Towards the due date of this project, I realized that I didn't need to rush to finish this album as I could just present certain songs that will be on the album instead. Currently, I am finished 6 songs out of the 10 that I need in order for this project to be considered an album. I also named the album "The Senior Tape" as it goes along with other albums I've released in the past. I do plan on finishing and releasing this album before I graduate in order to fully be done with high school.

My Artifact

My artifact for this project is a single off of the soon to be released album. A single is basically a song from an upcoming album that gives insight into what the full album has to offer. To differentiate from the artifacts I've used previously, I've decided to use a different and newer song I titled "Pendulum". This song is about dealing with insecurities rather they be someone else's or even my own



What Did I learn

Throughout this project, I doubted whether or not I could get this project done. I often found myself thinking about quitting music entirely as I sometimes didn't think it had purpose. This caused me to come to a big decision of starting over my music career. I came to this conclusion as I knew I couldn't continue making music randomly like I was when I first started. I want to take time away from music to learn more in order to become a better artist. Therefore, the first step I am taking in this process is changing my name from "4735" (a randomly generated name) to "Yuta" (pronounced U-DA and has an actual purpose). I think this will benefit me in the long run as I can better organize my ideas instead of moving on random thoughts.

The Album



The Senior Tape by Malik McMillian a.k.a. 4735

Release Date: May 27th

Soundcloud Link: [The Senior Tape](#)